**Losses of OMCs**

212. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) reported some losses recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to make them profitable in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), namely, Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPC) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPC) have reported a combined loss of Rs.l 1,094 crore during the period April-December, 2008. The company-wise details of Profit after Tax for the period April-December, 2008 are given below:

| | (Rs. Crore) |
|---|---|
| IOC | (3673) |
| BPC | (2892) |
| HPC | (4529) |
| TOTAL : | (11094) |

As the retail selling prices of four sensitive petroleum products namely, Petrol, Diesel, PDS Kerosene and Domestic LPG were not revised in line with increase in the international oil prices, the OMCs incurred under-recoveries of Rs. 1,06,215 crore on the sale of these products during the period April-December, 2008. These under-recoveries have adversely impacted the financial health of the OMCs on account of increased need for borrowings, resulting in mounting interest liability.

(c) In the revised Burden Sharing Mechanism for 2008-09, Government has decided that after accounting for contributions from the Public Sector Upstream Oil Companies of Rs.32,000 crore, the remaining under-recovery during the year 2008-09 would be compensated through issue of Oil Bonds by the Government.

**Central assistance for tourism promotion**

†213. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of States in respect of number of foreign tourists in decreasing order;

(b) the names of the first twenty most visited tourist places in the country; and

(c) the amount provided by the Centre to these States and tourist places during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) The number of foreign tourist visits to different States/UTs in 2007, in descending order are given in Statement-I (*See* below).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(b) Statistics on tourist visits to individual tourist places in the country are not maintained by the Ministry of Tourism.

(c) The number of tourism projects and amount sanctioned to various States/ UTs during the last three years are given in Statement-II

***Statement-I***

*Number of foreign tourist visited to States/UTs during 2007*

| Sl.No. | State/U.T. | Number of Foreign Tourist Visits during 2007 |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | Delhi | 2018848 |
| 2 | Maharashtra | 1928052 |
| 3 | Tamil Nadu | 1753103 |
| 4 | Uttar Pradesh | 1493157 |
| 5 | Rajasthan | 1401042 |
| 6 | West Bengal | 1154770 |
| 7 | Andhra Pradesh | 769724 |
| 8 | Karnataka | 534563 |
| 9 | Kerala | 515808 |
| 10 | Goa | 388457 |
| 11 | Himachal Pradesh | 339409 |
| 12 | Madhya Pradesh | 234204 |
| 13 | Bihar | 177362 |
| 14 | Gujarat | 104158 |
| 15 | Uttarakhand | 95976 |
| 16 | Haryana | 64711 |
| 17 | Puducherry | 57682 |
| 18 | Jammu and Kashmir | 52754 |
| 19 | Orissa | 41880 |
| 20 | Chandigarh | 26567 |
| 21 | Sikkim | 17498 |
| 22 | Assam | 12899 |
| 23 | Andaman and Nicobar Islands | 10975 |
| 24 | Dadra & Nager Haveli | 5625 |
| 25 | Punjab | 5470 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 26 | Daman and Diu | 5315 |
| 27 | Meghalaya | 5267 |
| 28 | Jharkhand | 4004 |
| 29 | Tripura | 3181 |
| 30 | Lakshadweep | 2933 |
| 31 | Arunachal Pradesh | 2212 |
| 32 | Chhattisgarh | 1232 |
| 33 | Nagaland | 936 |
| 34 | Mizoram | 669 |
| 35 | Manipur | 396 |

***Statement-II***

*The projects and amount sanctioned to States/UTs by Ministry of Tourism from 2005-06 to 2007-08*

(Rs. in Lakh)

| Sl.No. | State/UT | 2005-06 | | 2006-07 | | 2007-08 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | No of projects Sancd. | Amount Sancd. | No of Projects Sancd. | Amount Sancd. | No of Projects Sancd | Amount Sancd. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 7 | 2615.82 | 3 | 1540.56 | 9 | 2629.48 |
| 2. | Assam | 10 | 2,140.00 | 9 | 2453.39 | 5 | 1271.90 |
| 3 | Arunachal Pradesh | 10 | 2240.16 | 12 | 1887.80 | 10 | 3330.12 |
| 4. | Bihar | 3 | 1212.23 | 2 | 1937.29 | 3 | 1194.75 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 7 | 1775.59 | 16 | 3540.17 | 4 | 1274.09 |
| 6. | Goa | 1 | 10.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 7. | Gujarat | 5 | 2011.58 | 7 | 443.65 | 5 | 576.58 |
| 8. | Haryana | 7 | 639.71 | 5 | 1836.16 | 11 | 2260.27 |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | 6 | 1645.00 | 8 | 1871.00 | 12 | 2286.22 |
| 10. | Jammu and Kashmir | 22 | 6,656.01 | 29 | 5233.82 | 36 | 6851.15 |
| 11. | Jharkhand | 5 | 1227.27 | 3 | 956.35 | 7 | 1130.47 |
| 12. | Karnataka | 8 | 1706.52 | 4 | 1323.89 | 5 | 2004.71 |
| 13. | Kerala | 13 | 4858.88 | 18 | 4474.02 | 10 | 3124.31 |
| 14. | Madhya Pradesh | 12 | 3047.39 | 10 | 3668.47 | 16 | 3952.66 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15. | Maharashtra | 9 | 2075.04 | 13 | 2839.05 | 5 | 1279.44 |
| 16. | Manipur | 2 | 49.80 | 9 | 939.35 | 5 | 1110.77 |
| 17. | Meghalaya | 1 | 5.00 | 9 | 1435.29 | 2 | 674.40 |
| 18. | Mizoram | 10 | 2273.41 | 9 | 2613.38 | 5 | 1692.94 |
| 19. | Nagaland | 9 | 2528.97 | 8 | 2340.32 | 21 | 2241.35 |
| 20. | Orissa | 10 | 2309.61 | 13 | 2826.84 | 12 | 2376.30 |
| 21. | Punjab | 5 | 1437.67 | 13 | 3223.37 | 1 | 397.89 |
| 22. | Rajasthan | 7 | 2591.87 | 8 | 953.84 | 2 | 1554.46 |
| 23. | Sikkim | 14 | 2844.56 | 13 | 2609.42 | 27 | 6036.48 |
| 24. | Tamil Nadu | 19 | 4264.62 | 11 | 1866.41 | 13 | 2831.80 |
| 25. | Tripura | 3 | 716.26 | 4 | 291.27 | 11 | 1110.76 |
| 26. | Uttarakhand | 13 | 2738.00 | 16 | 1907.50 | 5 | 2081.04 |
| 27. | Uttar Pradesh | 18 | 3905.23 | 7 | 3329.06 | 7 | 2833.03 |
| 28. | West Bengal | 5 | 989.35 | 10 | 2978.32 | 12 | 3243.17 |
| 29. | Andaman and Nicobar | 1 | 6.25 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 30. | Chandigarh | 1 | 13.70 | 2 | 15.00 | 2 | 20.00 |
| 31. | Dadar & Nagar Haveli | 2 | 29.79 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 32. | Delhi | 2 | 20.00 | 5 | 2400.09 | 7 | 749.08 |
| 33. | Daman and Diu | 4 | 262.28 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 34. | Lakshadweep | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7.00 | 1 | 782.73 |
| 35. | Pudducheny | 2 | 469.39 | 1 | 500.00 | 6 | 1610.88 |
| | TOTAL : | 253 | 61316.96 | 278 | 64242.08 | 277 | 64513.23 |

**Promotion of tourism in Himachal Pradesh**

214. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals of projects received from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh for development and promotion of tourism in the State during the year 2007-08;

(b) the names of projects sanctioned by Government and the financial support extended to Himachal Pradesh during the year 2007-08; and

(c) the amount utilized by the State Government on infrastructure development of destinations in the State during the year 2007-08?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) The development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory